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Small Business Owners to Voice Concerns over Federal “Red Tape” at SBA Regulatory Fairness Board Hearing

**Tuesday, September 26, 2006
Denver, Colorado**

Denver – The SBA’s National Ombudsman’s Office will hold a regional *Regulatory Fairness Board Hearing* in Denver for small business owners to discuss openly, without fear of retaliation, their concerns about federal regulatory compliance practices. The Hearing offers small business owners from Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming an opportunity to voice their comments about regulatory enforcement action in a forum that ensures the government is listening.

WHO: Small business owners and trade association representatives will testify before SBA’s National Ombudsman, Nicholas Owens and Regulatory Fairness Board members.

WHAT: Give testimony on unfair or excessive Federal regulatory enforcement action(s). (Examples: repetitive audits, investigations, punitive fines, penalties, threats or retaliation)

WHEN: **Tuesday, September 26, 2006**
Registration: 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.
Hearing: 9:00 a.m. to Noon

WHERE: SBA’s Colorado District Office, 721 19th Street, Suite 426, Denver.

To testify, contact Amy McDowell in SBA’s Colorado District Office at 303.844.2607, extension 209 or by email at amy.mcdowell@sba.gov. All persons wanting to testify at this event must pre-register by September 15th.

Note to Press: SBA’s National Ombudsman will be available after the hearing for one-on-one interviews. To schedule an interview, contact Chris Chavez, SBA Public Affairs Director, prior to the event at 303-844-0501.

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